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8.30 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. Valcourt rose on a Point of Order to ask for the unanimous consent of the House to suspend routine proceedings to allow Members the opportunity to make statements to disassociate themselves from the statements made by Mr. Olmstead on December 4, 1996, during debate on the motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne.

Hon. Mr. Frenette spoke on the Point of Order, and stated that the Standing Rules provide for Statements by Members and Ministers, and the time period for statements could be extended if necessary.

Mr. Speaker advised that Members have absolute freedom to express themselves in the House and the Point of Order was not well taken. The Speaker then asked if there was unanimous consent to suspend routine proceedings and it was denied.

Hon. Mr. McKenna paid tribute to Her Honour Margaret Norrie McCain, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of New Brunswick, and to her contribution to the province and, in particular, in the area of violence against women. Hon. Mr. Valcourt joined with the Premier in this regard.

Hon. Mrs. Trenholme commemorated the National Day of Violence against Women and the memory of the fourteen young women who lost their lives at École polytechnique in Montreal on December 6, 1989.

Bills Introduced

The following Bills were introduced and read the first time:

By Hon. Mr. Blanchard,

Bill 24, *An Act to Amend the Gasoline and Motive Fuel Tax Act*.

Bill 25, *An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act*.

By Hon. Roly MacIntyre,

Bill 26, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills be read a second time at the next sitting.

Government Motions re Business of House

Hon. Mr. Frenette announced that today the House would proceed with the regular Order of Business, including consideration of legislation in the Committee of the Whole.

Third Reading

The following Bills were read the third time:

Bill 2, *An Act to Repeal the Regional Savings and Loans Societies Act*.

Bill 3, *An Act to Repeal the Regional Savings and Loans Societies Federation Act*.

Bill 4, *An Act to Repeal the Consumer Bureau Act*.

Bill 5, *An Act to Amend the Commissioners for Taking Affidavits Act*.

Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Social Services and Education Tax Act*.

Bill 7, *An Act to Amend the Public Service Superannuation Act*.

Bill 8, *An Act to Amend the Public Service Labour Relations Act*.

Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Teachers' Pension Act*.

Bill 10, *An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act*.

Bill 11, *An Act to Amend the Trade Schools Act*.

Bill 12, *An Act to Amend the Plumbing Installation and Inspection Act*.

Bill 13, *An Act to Amend the Marriage Act*.

Bill 14, *An Act to Amend the Change of Name Act*.

Bill 15, *An Act to Amend the Family Services Act*.

Bill 16, *An Act to Amend An Act to Amend the Family Services Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

Committee of the Whole

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Mr. O'Donnell in the Chair.

During consideration of Bill 22, *An Act Respecting Health Professionals*, Mr. Robichaud proposed the following amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Bill 22, *An Act Respecting Health Professionals*, be amended by adding to the title the word "certain" between the words "Respecting" and "Health."

Mr. Chairman put the question and a debate ensued.

And after some time, the amendment proposed by Mr. Robichaud was, with leave of the Committee, withdrawn.

And after some further time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. O'Donnell, the Chairman, after requesting Mr. Speaker revert to the Order of Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed him to report the following Bills as agreed to:

Bill 17, *An Act to Amend the Municipalities Act*.

Bill 18, *An Act Amend the Sheep Protection Act*.

Bill 19, *Statute Law Amendment Act 1996*.

Bill 20, *An Act to Repeal the Pension Fund Societies Act*.

Bill 21, *An Act to Amend the Loan and Trust Companies Act*.

Bill 22, *An Act Respecting Health Professionals*.

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Speaker then put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

And then, 11.15 o'clock a.m., the House adjourned.

The following document, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, was deemed laid before the Table of the House, pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

1995-96 Annual Report of the Department of Education - December 5, 1996